



State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
2010 PRONGHORN ANTELOPE
LASSEN APPRENTICE HUNT (ZONE 4 EITHER-SEX)
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General Information: Congratulations on being drawn for the Lassen Apprentice Hunt! This hunt was formerly the Honey Lake Junior Pronghorn Antelope hunt. Honey Lake Wildlife Area is no longer open to antelope hunting.

This information has been prepared to assist apprentice hunters and their adult chaperons hunting antelope in Zone 4. The hunt boundaries are expanded and the season extended to coincide with the Zone 4 Lassen Hunt. Zone 4 is located in portions of Lassen, Plumas, and Shasta Counties.

Regulations: Laws and regulations are designed to conserve wildlife and to provide for an equitable distribution of game mammals. The hunter who knows the laws and regulations can enjoy the hunting experience more. All hunters should read and be familiar with the regulations contained in the Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers. Visit the above website address for specific zone regulations (hunt zone map, description, and harvest success information can also be viewed at this address). **Please remember that all hunters must return tag report cards to the Department within one week after the close of the pronghorn antelope season regardless of whether a pronghorn antelope was taken.** Remember you must obtain written permission to hunt on private property. Hunter trespass laws are strictly enforced.

This hunt is for licensed junior hunters between the ages of twelve (12) and sixteen (16) with California junior hunting licenses. Apprentice hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting. Any legal method for taking antelope as described in Section 353 of the current Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers is authorized.

Public Land: Zone 4 contains a mixture of both public and private lands. Public lands within the zone are administered by the United States Forest Service (USFS); Lassen National Forest, 2550 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130, (530) 257-2151 and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130 (530) 257-0456.

Access: There are extensive tracts of public land with excellent access in Zone 4. Primary roadways in Zone 4 are State Route 139 (central Zone 4), State Route 395 (eastern Zone 4), State Route 36 (southern Zone 4) and State Route 89 (western Zone 4). Many county, USFS and BLM roads branch off of these primary roadways providing excellent access to public lands.

Maps: The most comprehensive maps of the area are the BLM Recreation Guide for Northeastern California and Northwestern Nevada and Lassen National Forest map. BLM surface management maps may also be useful. The BLM surface management maps for Zone 4 are the Alturas, Eagle Lake, Lake Almanor, Portola, and Susanville maps. United States Geological Service (USGS) topographic maps, are very helpful, especially to depict topographic features that are not displayed on USFS and BLM maps. USGS maps are usually available at backpacking and engineering stores or you can contact the USGS directly at U.S. Geological Distribution Center, Denver Federal Center, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225, 1-888-ASK-USGS. USGS maps are also available online at usgs.gov. USFS maps are available at all USFS offices or you can contact the USFS, 1323 Club

Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592, (707) 562-8737 or online at www.r5.fs.fed.us/maps/. BLM maps are also available at all BLM offices or you can contact the BLM at 2800 Cottage Way, Room E2841, Sacramento, CA 95825, (916) 978-4400, or at 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130, (530) 257-0456.

Travel Tips: Zone 4 covers a large geographical area. The terrain can be very rocky and rugged. As in all remote areas, hunters are urged to bring a shovel, a good spare tire, extra water, etc. Check with the BLM or USFS for rules and regulations regarding vehicle and travel restrictions in the area.

Weather: The weather in this region is highly variable so BE PREPARED. The weather is usually quite hot and dry, but summer thunder storms are not uncommon. Thunder storms can make roads very difficult, if not impossible, to travel.

Camping: There are numerous designated campgrounds within Zone 4. The facilities available at these campgrounds vary from primitive campsites to campsites with running water. Most campgrounds are clearly marked on USFS and BLM maps. Camping outside of designated campgrounds is usually permitted on BLM and USFS lands, however, during fire season, special regulations may apply and it will be necessary to obtain a fire permit from the USFS or BLM. You can also check with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection office for rules in specific areas. Please DO NOT CAMP at springs or other water sources that are important to wildlife and livestock. Remaining at artificial wildlife water sources (guzzlers) can be a Fish and Game violation. YOU can pack water-- animals can't!

Where to Look for Antelope: Pronghorn antelope use open areas with little cover. They are usually found in flat to rolling country, and not too far from water. Antelope run to gain distance from perceived threats. Unlike deer, they do not seek close hiding cover. When scouting or hunting antelope, keep the sun at your back while it's low in the sky (morning or evening). Pronghorn antelope are usually very easy to see at distances of a mile or more under good light conditions.

Because pronghorn antelope are creatures of open habitats, you can hunt them all day. However, you run the risk of exhausting yourself. Try to pace yourself and concentrate hunting mornings and evenings. Stalking can be a long process, so remember to bring gloves, knee and elbow padding to protect yourself from sharp rocks. Binoculars and spotting scopes can be a great asset for observing antelope at long distances. Popular areas to look for pronghorn antelope are Madeline Plains, Painter Flat, Mud Flat, Karlo Mesa, Bull Flat, Shinn Ranch, Grasshopper Valley, Chalk Bluff, The Tablelands, and Horse Lake. Note that some of these areas include private property which is only available for hunting with the written permission from the land owner. Scouting other areas can help you locate an out-of-the way site that may have less hunter pressure and fit your style of hunting.

Care of Meat: Conditions during the antelope hunting season can be quite warm. It is critical you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. You should be prepared to skin and quarter or de-bone your antelope immediately after it is tagged. The meat should be hung in flyproof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out. If you are hunting by yourself, you will need, at minimum, game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful.

Additional Information: If you have any questions regarding this hunt please contact Mr. Brian Ehler at (530) 254-6808. Additional information can also be found on the Department's web site at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/pronghorn/index.html>

Again, congratulations and we hope you have an enjoyable hunt.